

Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes  
Lebanon, Connecticut  
April 13, 2015

Present: Ellen Bauwens, Jane Cady, James Donnelly, Darlene Hathaway, Donna LaFontaine, Geri McCaw, Marion Russo

Absent: Russell Blakeslee, Bonnie LeBlanc

Also attending: Darcy Battye as Senior Center Coordinator and Municipal Agent

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chairman Geri McCaw.

Approval of Minutes: Donna LaFontaine moved that the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting be approved as written and distributed. Seconded by Marion Russo. Approved.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Darcy Battye reported that \$25,000 or 32% of the senior center and \$13,000 or 23% of the senior transportation budget remains for the current fiscal year.

Reports:

1. Coordinator and Municipal Agent. Ms. Battye reported an excellent turnout for tax preparation and driver safety classes. She is currently working with social services on a senior with needs.
2. Bingo. Jane Cady reported today's bingo had 41 players. Friday night bingo had 20.
3. Trips. Ms. Russo stated there were 29 for the UCONN basketball game. A Hudson Walkway trip is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> and Newport, August 10. The Rockies September vacation is sold out. A New Year's event is in the planning stage.
4. Whist. Jane and Bob Cady, as well as Marion Russo are planning Whist on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. Friends of the Lebanon Senior Center. Darlene Hathaway indicated a May 2<sup>nd</sup> tag sale was planned.
6. Luncheon. Chairman McCaw indicated tuna casserole and bread pudding would be served tomorrow.

Old Business:

1. Lebanon Resource Guide. Tabled.
2. TIP Projects. No progress. Ms. Hathaway suggested there was a need for more lighting in the back of the center for seniors who walk from the senior housing property. Ms. Battye indicated she would look into it.

New Business:

1. Ridership Letter. An informational letter on the senior transportation was reviewed and approved by consensus. It will be distributed in the senior newsletter and to van riders.
2. Van Coordinator. Ms. Cady moved that the Van Coordinator hours be increase from 8:30 am-12:30 pm to 8:30 am-1:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday to create an equal schedule Monday-Thursday. Seconded by Ms. LaFontaine. Approved unanimously.
3. Mind Matters grant update. Ms. Battye submitted a grant under Title III for an early Dementia/Alzheimer's program. Successful grants will be notified in July.
4. Cabaret, April 17, 2015. Bertie Hawkins is coordinating music and skits.
5. Public forum. No activity.
6. Other.
  - a. Ms. LaFontaine proposed senior citizens might volunteer to work with Lyman High School seniors on creating a quilt for their auction. Details will be included in the next center newsletter.
  - b. Ms. Battye reported the following:
    - i. Volunteer lunch is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. The senior center will be closed May 22.
    - iii. A request to use the senior center by The Lebanon Arts Center for non-senior purposes was made. Due to grant restrictions, it was not permitted.
    - iv. The selectmen have rejected the installation of a key fob system in favor of a simple lock change.
  - c. Ms. Russo suggested that a comparison of the center's foot traffic for year one vs. year six should be made and publicized.
  - d. Consensus agreed that the First Selectman be invited to a future Commission on Aging meeting to discuss a variety of issues.
  - e. Ms. Hathaway asked that the Sunshine Committee be timely informed when cards should be sent to seniors.
  - f. Chairman McCaw announced she would be stepping down as Chairman as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. A subcommittee will be appointed at the next Commission meeting to fill her position.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. LaFontaine. Seconded by James Donnelly. Approved unanimously at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Bauwens, Secretary